The Story of an Old Crime Recalled By the Death of a

Convict.

If His Dying Statement Was True This Man Was Unjustly

a horrible marder, supposed to have been perpetrated by a man regarded as a pattern of morality by the community. The man was Archibald Bolam, the actuary of the Newcastle Savings bank, who was tried the Newcastle Savings bank, who was tried the manufacturing interests to be in as flourishing a condition as our divorce interfor the murder of a clerk, one of his subor- esta. dinates in the office. At the trial which resulted Rolan was convicted of manslaughter and sent as a convict to Australia. It recently occurred to a gentleman to trace ing the Yale game. One of the rushers had up Bolan's history in the colony to which been kicked in the head by a Yale player he was transported, and a lady to whom as he lay on the ground. On rising he exthe expatriated man seems to have been indebted for various kindnesses gave an account of his career and furnished a descriping, checkers?" ing his lower jaw with that peculiar Yale accent, replied: "Ah, wot d'ye tink yez playing, checkers?" tion of his conduct just before his death, at which she was present. She says that after thanking her for the respect and kindness which he had received at the hands of herself and family, the dying man protested his innocence of the crime with which he had been charged, and died with the protest of innocence upon his lips. The woman vouched for the purity of his life in Australia, and the had been and the second sec stated her firm belief in his innocence. The circumstances of the crime for which Bolam was tried were particularly revolting, and not one of his fellow-citizens out of a hundred believed him innocent. Bolam was a man who lived outwardly a most ascetic life, posing as a religious person and pro-testing a detestation of all questionable practices. Before the trial came off no one testing a detestation of all questionable practices. Before the trial came off no one doubted him to be anything but a man of excellent morals, but the evidence then furnished proved him to be a man of filthily depraved habits and showed him to be acquainted with some of the vilest persons in town. It was the pursuit of his tastes which led him ultimately to commit the atrocious crime of which he is now almost universally believed to have been guilty. A man named Millie, with whom he was particularly intimate, seems to have aroused his fears that the truth as to his habits would not be long concealed if Millie was left free to expose

the place one of them made his way into the private office generally used by the actuary and attempted to open the door. He was unable to accomplish his purpose, as it was apparently held closed by some person on the inside. The fireman went for assistance, but when he returned the door opened easily enough. Entering the apartment the light of the firemen's lanterns disclosed a

Millie was found lying face downward on the floor, and hacked literally to pieces by the ferocity of the person who had mur-dered him. His head was broken all to pieces and was almost unrecognizable. The walls of the room were spattered with blood, and the place resembled a shambles. All this horrible slaughter had been accomphis norrible shangater had been accomplished with fire-irons—poker and tongs. It was found that the murdered man's pockets had been filled with inflammable materials, and from this fact it was at once inials, and from this fact it was at once inferred that the murderer had set fire to the
place with the hope of destroying every
vestige of his abominable crime. After exhausting their surprise over this bloody discovery the firemen were astounded to find
the body of another man, apparently in an
insensible condition, reposing in the opposite corner of the room. The man was
the actuary himself, Archibald Bolam, who
was in reality almost suffocated by the the actuary himself, Archibald Bolam, who was in reality almost suffocated by the smoke which had filled the apartment. There was no blood on the floor where he lay, and his conduct at once aroused the suspicion of the firemen, as he was seen to open his eyes in an intelligent manner several times. A small knife used for erasures lay on a desk near by, and a scratch on Bolam's throat seemed to hint that it was the weapon which had been employed upon him. Upon being examined by physicians Bolam was pronounced to be entirely unharmed, with the exception of the little scratch upon his throat, and was next taken before a couple of magistrates next taken before a couple of magistrates and requested to state the details of the oc-currence. Bolam stated that upon the pre-vious day he had received threatening letters from an unknown person, in consequence of which he had quitted the bank on the previous evening and gone to his home, leaving no one on the premises.

When he returned to the bank everything appeared to be as he had left it, until he entered the private office, where he found Millie prostrate upon the floor. Assuming the clerk to be asleep he went to his desk to look after some matters about which he had returned, and while he was looking for the papers a man with a blackened face approached and dealt him a heavy blow upon the temple. Bolam then ran to the window which looked Bolam then ran to the window which looked out upon the principal thoroughfare, in-tending to shout for assistance, but was stopped and reduced to a state of insensibil-ity by his assailant, who had been on the point of cutting his throat when he fainted. This was the story which Bolam told with every assurance of truth. At the inquest Bolam repeated his story, but was neverthe-less found guilty of willful murder by the inry and remitted for trial in the forthcomjury and remitted for trial in the forthcom-ing assizes. Meanwhile the story of his life leaked out, and the most terrible reports leaked out, and the most terrible reports started concerning his conduct, the prisoner being charged with crimes even worse than that of which the jury had found him guilty. Among the rougher element of the citizens there was a decided desire to tynch Bolam, but he was kept carefully guarded, and it was soon rumored that some influential but equally dissipated persons were using their efforts to procure his accomittal. At the trial the evidence developed quittal. At the trial the evidence developed further facts. The porter employed at the bank stated that he left Bolam and Millie bank stated that he left is loam and Millie together in the building after the hour at which Bolam asserted he left it. It was ascertained that Bolam had left the bank and visited a woman who had been for some time his mistress. The woman admitted having sponged the sleeve of Bolam's coat, which was found upon analysis to have been stained with human blood. Millie, on the contrary, had never reached his home again. It was discovered that in order to avoid the children of his victim, who had arranged to walk toward the bank to meet their father, Bolam returned to his office by a circuitous route. It was upon his return to the bank that the idea to set fire to the place, and, if possible, conceal his crime in the debris, must have first occurred to him. In the early part of his career Bolam was a schoolmaster, and afterward was for some years an usher in a select career Bolam was a schoolmaster, and after-ward was for some years an usher in a select academy in Newcastle. From the scholastic profession he ultimately drifted into the fortunate position which he held at the time of the murder. His career in Australia appears to be as blameless as a man could live, and he enjoyed great confidence among

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